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I have not the smallest difficulty whenever Lord George Germain applies to Me for my Directions as to who is in the present State of things the properest Person to be sent to take the Command of the Troops in North America to give my Sentiments; but at the same time I shall certainly be obliged to take some days for consideration which reasons I shall very fairly state to Ld. Sturmont; Sir Guy Carleton will certainly not accept this Command if it is to correspond with Ld. G. Germain, the latter expects He should unsay what stands in his Correspondence, as the Matter investigated by the Cabinet that it may be seen whether the Accusations are not groundless, consequently if Sir Guy is appointed it decides that Ld. G. G. must though with Honour give up the seals. On Friday I again pressed Ld. North for his Opinion on the Subject and gained not the smallest ground He stated the advantages and disadvantages of the Measure and concluded with desiring time to consider of it. If Ld. G. is to go a Deputy must be instantly named to conduct the business. As to the enclaves to Mr. Jenkinson but doubts much if He can persuade Him to accept of that Office this ought also to be known, or who is fit for the Station if that arrangement cannot take place, but above all I must be certain that a new Secretary is not of the yielding Side, therefore time must be given for acquiring all these informations certainly

certainly no unnecessary delay shall arise with Me; but Lt. Stormon
must see that with so many considerations, I cannot myself fix
the positive day as I must acquire all these informations.

Lt. Stormon and Lt. Hillsborough may perhaps forward
this affair if they will in this conversation this morning with
Lt. North get on the subject of a Commander for North America
it naturally will arise ~~from~~ the other; he knows I have spoke
to both of them on it; this may bring on some decision in his
mind; and if he then writes to Me I will instantly direct him
to write to Mr. Jenkinson who is ⁱⁿ Huntingdonshire, or if
returned to see him that no time may be ~~lost~~ necessarily lost.

I am agreeably surpris'd at the Meeting having gone off so
amicably yesterday, which makes Me hope that the ill humour
on Thursday Evening was more the effect of temper than of
design.